

A policy of rapprochement between France and Germany is comprehensible, says one writer on the eve of the signature of the commercial treaty, and he insists that there

RAILROADS TAKE ACTION AGAINST DARING DRIVERS

Prosecution of Motorists Who Ignore Warning Signals Is Held Necessary

Special from Monitor Bureau

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—An intensive study of the grade crossing problem, including the active prosecution of motorists who disregard cautionary signals and cause damage to railroad property by breaking through gates or running into trains, is being conducted by the railroads, due to the increase in fatalities in recent years.

In the vicinity of New York, where there are many highway crossings at grade, the necessity for action has been intensified by the numerous collisions between railroad trains and motor cars and the fact that many of these have occurred despite the warning signals, gates and watchmen on duty at many busy crossings. The Long Island Railroad has installed several triangular obstructions in streets approaching crossings, which cause the motorist to slow down considerably and form a "V" before crossing the railroad road. In other sections, a series of bumps in the road have proved effective. While there are no highway crossings at grade on the entire main line of the New York division of the New Haven Railroad between New York and New Haven, there are a number of crossings on the branch lines, and at a number of these, the flashing red lights have been installed at costs amounting to as much as \$10,000.

Red Lights Useful
These lights flash alternately day and night, and their presence can scarcely be overlooked by the motorist approaching a railroad crossing. This system, devised by C. H. Morrison, signal engineer of the New Haven, has been approved by the American Railway Association, and railroad officials expect it to be installed on all important crossings eventually.

Attention also has been given to the engine whistle which railroad rules require shall be sounded upon approaching a crossing. Recent action toward having this warning, which consists of two long and two short blasts, sounded twice is being taken by railroad officials interviewed by a representative of The Christian Science Monitor, who state that a train traveling at 60 miles an hour would be past the crossing before a whistle signal could be repeated, and that the objections which are raised by townships and municipalities to the present whistling indicate that any extension of this practice would be strenuously opposed.

J. E. Williamson, general superintendent of the New York Central, believes that longer blasts of the whistle are more satisfactory than a double warning. The "double bell" signals are located generally one-quarter of a mile back from the highway crossing, and he estimates that a train running 40 miles an hour would cover this in 40 seconds, an interval that there would not be time to repeat it.

Prosecute Motorists
Officers of the New Haven state that the duration of the whistle is left to the engineer's judgment. In addition to this warning, crossings are protected by gates and watchmen, with or without warning bells, by a watchman without gates, by the flashlight signals, and some by only the four-cornered sign, "Look Out for the Engine," many of the crossings on the New Haven also having an additional distance alarm back about 200 feet from the railroad crossing.

The railroads are prosecuting all motorists who disregard warning signals and run into trains. On the New Haven, bills are presented to all such persons who inflict damage on railroad property. If the bills are not settled, recourse to law is initiated, but it has been found that the presentation of bills has had a salutary effect.

The carelessness of many automobilists has become such that the railroad men assert that nothing less than a steel barrier will prevent some drivers from speeding across a railroad track in the face of an oncoming train, with the result that not only to the occupants of the motor car but to the passengers on the train. They state that the engine blast apparently is accepted by many motorists as a "challenge" to test their ability to "beat the train to the crossing," and an active campaign to encourage caution, as well as to secure the revocation of licenses to the reckless drivers who take these chances is urged by many railroad men and laymen who have interested themselves in the situation which has arisen in recent years.

PROSPERITY PREDICTED FOR PRINCE RUPERT

VANCOUVER, Oct. 3 (Special Correspondence).—Sir Thomas Robinson, Grimby, England, recognized as one of the leading men in the fisheries business in Great Britain, who has been inspecting the fisheries and cold storage business at Prince Rupert, asserts a belief that the northern city is certain to make great strides from now on.

"Prince Rupert," he said, "is bound to become a big city. It has natural advantages to make it so. What is needed now is a line of refrigerator steamers to carry from as well as salt fish, and the facilities for handling grain, and this last will soon be arranged."

LANDOWNERS' RIGHT GUARDED
LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 1 (Special Correspondence).—The Nebraska Supreme Court has placed a bar upon the signing by farmers' wives and daughters who perform merely the ordinary tasks of farm women, of advertisements for the support of local candidates for office. The court held that such advertisements are not within the privilege of free speech and cannot be considered as political action.

Sutter Sawmill Site Found in California

Pioneer Society Certifies to Location Where Gold Was Discovered in 1848

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Oct. 29 (Staff Correspondence).—The exact location of Sutter's sawmill, Eldorado County, California, where gold was discovered Jan. 24, 1848, has been certified to by the Society of California Pioneers.

A long controversy in perhaps nearer settlement by excavations in the South Fork of the American River. Drought this summer dwindle it to a rivulet and a searching party headed by Paul B. Beckett of the society unearthed the old mill where it has remained, since the floods of 1891 deflected the river channels over this historic site.

School books which explain how gold was first discovered in California at "Sutter's Fort" or "Sutter's Creek" will need revision according to results of these discoveries of the society. A base log mortised crudely to an upright one, two-inch boards, hand-sawed, roots (presumably near the old mill in an early print) and including a file saw, chisel, lag screws, point unmistakably to the remains of Sutter's Mill. It is declared.

The Society of California Pioneers contemplates the erection of a huge marker on the mill site. Litigation has halted operations but a stone and concrete base has been hurriedly constructed in anticipation of fall rains. Later a sculptured figure or plaque will mark the site. The mill closed down in 1849 and miners appropriated the top part of it for making rockers and sluices. Eddying still had buried and curiously preserved its base until this late day.

LEATHER INDUSTRY GROWS IN CANADA

WINNIPEG, Man., Oct. 31 (Special Correspondence).—The manufacture of leather goods and mittens has become one of Manitoba's important industries in the last few years, as indicated by figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In 1921, there were only two leather goods manufacturers in the province, employing 43 persons and having an output valued at \$212,682. In 1922, the number of factories had increased to four, the number of employees to 110, and the value of the output to \$551,100, which is 9 per cent of Canada's total output of these products.

The industry is showing a satisfactory growth in Canada as a whole. In 1921, the production value for the whole Dominion was \$2,694,816, and in 1922 it was \$3,864,662. Despite the increased output, Canadian factories are unable to cope with the demand in the country, and last year imports were valued at \$241,706.

CANADIAN FARMERS BEAUTIFYING HOMES

WINNIPEG, Man., Oct. 29 (Special Correspondence).—That the farmers of the prairie provinces were now taking a greater interest in tree planting and generally beautifying their homes is the report of A. G. Couch of the Canadian Forestry Association's official "tree planting" car, which annually makes a tour of western Canada.

This year for the season has ended, and Mr. Couch said the car had traveled 7000 miles in the prairie provinces, visited 323 towns and that 70,323 persons had heard the 467 lectures delivered in the car. Dwellers on the prairies were particularly interested in fruit growing, Mr. Couch said. He had found a fine species of apple being grown in the district of Strathmore, Alberta, at an altitude of 3200 feet above sea level.

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1924 CAMPAIGN COST MILLIONS

Republican Bill May Total \$8,000,000—Democrat Deficit Likely

Special from Monitor Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Final projections of costs of receipts and disbursements filed by both political committees with the Senate Investigating Committee show that the Republican campaign for 1924 cost at least \$5,000,000 and it is believed that final reports may show that it came near the Harding figure of \$8,000,000 for both state and national expenses. The Democrats had a budget amounting to \$765,000, but report that only \$204,235 has been received up to Oct. 29, and seem likely to run into a deficit. Both committees listed "advances" or "returns of contributions" to, doubtless, closed states. The \$115,500 contributed by Vermont was returned to that State, not because there was any doubt about its going overwhelmingly for Coolidge, but because it was felt that the State had contributed generously, and should have the money to use in rolling up a record vote for its distinguished son.

About \$100,000 was sent to Illinois, most of it for use in Cook County. The state committee of New York received \$180,000 and in New Jersey testimony before the committee brought out the fact that the \$366,000 raised in that state was divided equally between the national and the state organizations. Wherever there were state assignments of funds they do not appear in the statement submitted by William V. Hodges, the national treasurer.

The Democrats received \$267,329, or nearly half of its fund, from New York. Texas contributed \$62,504, and West Virginia, Davis' native state, \$24,778. The Democrats received nothing from Montana and Nevada and \$1 from Idaho, the home of Senator Borah, who remarked that he thought he knew who the dollar Democrat was. The Anti-Saloon League reported an expenditure of \$677 and the Prohibition National Committee receipts of \$6233 and expenditures of \$4282 to Oct. 27.

OREGON ENROLLMENT GAINS 15.5 PER CENT

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 29 (Special Correspondence).—Full-time enrollment at the University of Oregon shows a gain of 15.5 per cent over last year, according to Carleton E. Spencer, registrar. Enrollment on the Eugene campus is 3522, and at the medical school in Portland 206.

Every class shows a gain this year, with the freshman class increasing from 885 to 907. Men are in the majority, with 1337 enrolled to 1135 for women. The university had but 300 students in 1902, when P. L. Campbell took the presidency. In 1915 it had an enrollment of 600; in 1920, 1200. It is predicted that in five years the enrollment again will be doubled. A new science building, which will cost \$200,000 is nearing completion.

WETS REPORT USING \$13,351 IN CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4. (AP)—The Association Against the Prohibition Amendment reported to the clerk of the House yesterday total campaign receipts to Oct. 31 of \$15,235, with expenditures of \$13,351. Of this sum \$2000 was used in the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and West Virginia in working for the election of members of Congress.

The report said the \$2000 had been paid to Charles S. Wood, campaign manager for the association in those states, to be used by him in defraying the expenses of field workers and candidates for Congress who had been publicly indorsed by the association.

How Gen. Washington's Headquarters Looked



Duplicate of Historic Valley Forge Structure at Shawheen Village, Mass., Used as a Voting Booth.

Memories of Gen. Washington Revived as Citizens Cast Vote

Exact Reproduction of Historic Valley Forge Structure Is Used as a Voting Booth

Shacks and country schoolhouses, city halls, post offices, churches and grocery stores—buildings of almost as many sorts as there are types of citizens, are in use today as the polling places, where the political choice of 30,000,000 Americans is being expressed. Out in Shawheen Village, the model town built at Andover, Mass., by the American Woolen Company, the booths are set up in a little stone hut, an exact reproduction of the headquarters of George Washington, during the winter at Valley Forge. It is of more than passing interest that in a building similar to this, a century and a half ago, the officers of the Colonial Army—the ragged, untrained soldiers of new world democracy—gathered to choose a chief to outline the future of their apparently hopeless campaign. The New Republic that these men sought to form was almost buried beneath the snows of Valley Forge that winter. But in that stone building, George Washington, seeing through the stormy visions of the great democracy that was to come from this suffering, strengthened the faith of his associates and the freedom of the New World was saved.

Today, at Shawheen Village, and across a continent, the ideals of Valley Forge will find expression. Whatever candidates emerge victorious, 30,000,000 voters are marshaled to give practical tribute to the success of that system of government, the faith in which bound together the little group at Valley Forge around a leader who would not be daunted and who became the people's first choice for a Chief Executive.

EXODUS OF LABOR FROM CANADA LESSENS

VANCOUVER, Oct. 28 (Special Correspondence).—General reports as to labor conditions for this season are encouraging, according to Maj. L. F. Howard, superintendent of labor bureau west of Winnipeg. He states that reports indicate that the exodus of labor from Canada is decreasing, and yet the surplus here is not increasing in the same ratio, which indicates healthy conditions. One of the things which has proved of immense value to labor in Major Howard, says, is a transfer system now in operation by which it is possible to supply shortage from surplus areas.



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Referee Fails to Sustain Heckscher S.P.C.C. Charge

Report Upholds Officials of New York Society Who Had Been Accused of Mismanagement

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Charges preferred against officials of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children by August Heckscher, alleging mismanagement, extravagance, inefficiency, and irregularity, were unsustained in a report filed yesterday by Francis G. Caffey, referee, appointed by the Supreme Court.

Mr. Heckscher, one of the society's most munificent benefactors, made possible the erection of a large building for children on Fifth Avenue between One Hundred Fourth and One Hundred Fifth streets, when, in July, 1921, he gave the land worth \$750,000, a gift of \$900,000 for construction, and the donation of \$1,000,000 as an endowment fund for the society and the Heckscher Foundation for Children, joint occupants of the home.

Petition to High Court
Two years later Mr. Heckscher preferred the charges mentioned above and withdrew the feature of the endowment by which one-half of the interest was to be placed at the disposal of the society. The controversy resulted in a petition to the Supreme Court by John G. Agar, vice-president of the society, seeking investigation of the conduct of the organization, with particular reference to Mr. Heckscher's allegations. Mr. Caffey was appointed referee Feb. 6, this year, and since that time has carried on an exhaustive inquiry.

The report, covering 40 typewritten pages, fails to uphold a single charge preferred by Mr. Heckscher. It praises, on the other hand, the high purposes and methods of the officers of the society in conducting the work for children. Pertinent passages from the report follow:

Mr. Heckscher has been a great and generous benefactor of the society. The effort to carry on the work of the society and that of the foundation in the same building has proved unsatisfactory in some respects. All these things are unfortunate. Nevertheless, the fact stands out that the society, which is solely under inquiry here, is—as Mr. Heckscher explicitly says—performing a useful service in this community.

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There is nothing in the evidence to sustain a finding of extravagance in the conduct either of child care or of law enforcement. On the contrary, it is believed—and my investigation indicates—that each is carried on economically. The mere statistics of the volume and variety of the business done and of the results accomplished carry conviction that the sum paid for them is moderate. There is complete failure to justify a characterization of them as abnormally costly.

I have found no authenticated instances in which there was disclosed any improper practice or any error

not reasonably attributable to genuine ineptitude or lack of skill. The morale of the employees is excellent. All seem devoted to the cause of the children. Their patience with and kindness to those in their charge deserve high praise. I have found their conduct singularly free from abuse of power.

Commenting on the report last night, Mr. Heckscher styled the inquiry a "whitewash proceeding," insisting that the society has endeavored to paint itself in the colors it wished to appear. He added that the Foundation has regained control of two-thirds of the building and is conducting its work without interference from the society.

MORGAN TO DIRECT LOAN TO FRANCE

Amount to Be \$50,000,000 as a Preliminary

By Special Cable

PARIS, Nov. 4.—It is understood that after several premature announcements it is now possible to state with truth that a Morgan-directed loan to France has been arranged. The official news it is suggested, is being kept back until after the election results are known. The amount is now fixed at \$50,000,000 as a beginning. It will not be used for the repayment of the Morgan credits of \$100,000,000 which will probably be consolidated later by a 30-year loan of the same amount which it is hoped to negotiate next year.

The present loan, says Le Matin, will act as a very useful regulator at this time of year to French merchants and manufacturers, who have hitherto been obliged to buy currency in the open market. It may also serve to a small extent to protect the dollar exchange rate against the season's fluctuations.

NUNCIO PROTESTS ATTACK ON CLERICALS

By Special Cable

PARIS, Nov. 4.—It is intimated that the papal Nuncio, Mgr. Ceretti, has protested at the Quai d'Orsay against the speech of the Education Minister, Francois Albert, who denounced the maneuvers of the clericals. There were references to Mgr. Ceretti himself and the Quotidian remarks that when Mgr. Ceretti, invoking the immunity enjoyed by ambassadors, demands reparations, he should remember that he has also obligations as well as privileges.

Evidently it is sought to create a serious diplomatic incident on the resumption of Parliament.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MATCH

Golf Contest Between Canada, Great Britain, and U. S. Is Proposed

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—The Women's Eastern Golf Association delegates, at their annual meeting, discussed the question of inaugurating a women's international match between representatives from Great Britain, Canada and the United States, to be played each year under the auspices of the United States Golf Association.

The details in connection with such an event would be handled by officials of the U. S. G. A. and representatives from the different women's sectional associations in the United States.

These representatives to be appointed by the respective organizations.

Mrs. D. H. Hurd, the present woman champion, was appointed a committee member to investigate the possibility of such a match. Mrs. Hurd is now abroad and she will interview the officials of the Ladies' Golf Union of Great Britain regarding the proposition and report their views upon her return to the United States.

The executive committee of the U. S. G. A., after carefully considering the proposed match, decided that they would be very willing to lend any as-

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EDITORIALS

At last! "The tumult and the shouting dies." The campaign is over. A great many very estimable gentlemen who make politics a profession in antagonistic camps will return to their normal state of cheerful comradeship without thought of personal differences. It will be possible to mention

The Election and Afterward

Senator La Follette in polite society without being at once convicted of Bolshevism and a fixed determination to destroy the Constitution of the United States. Some reference to President Coolidge may pass, even in the society of "high-brows," without subjecting the speaker to the charge of hidebound conservatism. Mr. Davis, erstwhile Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, may be complimented on the dignity of his oratory without provoking the retort that he is planning to turn over the United States to the control of the Vatican via the League of Nations. In brief, politics is on the shelf; the ordinary amenities of social life may be resumed; men may be judged for what they are, rather than by the virtues or defects implied by their partisan affiliations.

If the average citizen knew more of the personal intimacies and mutual toleration maintained by public men, he would not permit himself to be thrown quaquadrally into a fever of intolerance and hatred by politicians who at heart are quite cool. During a presidential campaign he is somewhat in the position of Mr. Pickwick, on the famous occasion of the trial of the case of Bardell vs. Pickwick:

"Who's that red-faced man, who said it was a fine morning, and nodded to our counsel?" whispered Mr. Pickwick.

"Mr. Serjeant Buzfuz," replied Parker. "He's opposed to us, he leads on the other side. That gentleman behind him is Mr. Skimpin, his junior."

Mr. Pickwick was just on the point of inquiring, with great abhorrence of the man's cold-blooded villainy, how Mr. Serjeant Buzfuz, who was counsel for the opposite party, dared to presume to tell Mr. Serjeant Skimpin, who was counsel for him, that it was a fine morning, when he was interrupted.

For nearly four months it has been unsafe for a New Englander to say confidently that any morning could be fine which tolerated the presence on earth of any candidate for President except Vermont's favorite son. Outside of Wisconsin almost anybody might be included in the amenities of social intercourse save La Follette, while within that self-contained and contented commonwealth almost anyone except "Battling Bob" has been anathema.

The gentlemen at political headquarters have seen to it that toleration should be regarded as a vice, and a reasonable respect for one's adversary nothing less than treason to the party. This sort of thing was reduced to a science in the World War, when every soldier in the enemy's ranks was regarded as an inhuman monster, while he who bore arms on "our side" was invariably a modest and kindly hero. If a political campaign lasted four years, instead of four months, an almost equal degree of malignant intolerance would be developed within the Nation's borders.

The outcome of this year's presidential election is determined, though at the moment of this writing not all the ballots have been cast. Nothing that anyone can do or say now will affect the result. Nor is it probable that any result, even the most improbable, could affect for long the prosperity or steady progress of the United States. In the past, some elections that have been expected to bring nothing but prosperity have entailed temporary adversity. Some that have been hailed as opening the door to new and higher ideals have in fact but opened it upon years of scandal and misrule.

It is not safe for the human mind to be too positive in prophecy. What is safe is the confident assertion that, however the ballots may foot up, nothing but continuing national greatness will be found in the totals. The betting was reported yesterday at 12 to 1 on Coolidge, but even higher odds are safe on the stability and endurance of the Government of the United States.

That building operations in the United States, both for dwellings and business structures, are rapidly catching up with the deficiency due to the high wages, high cost of materials, and money scarcity of the war period, is shown by reports of the great number of buildings erected during the past season. Already

Increased Building Activity in America

there are evidences in many regions that the peak of high rents was recorded some time ago, and indications that the future course of rents will be either downward, or the equivalent, the providing of better accommodations at present rates.

Confronted with the possibility of numerous vacancies, the real estate interests recognize the need for meeting the demands of possible tenants, rather than to allow a great deal of space to remain idle, and are making concessions below the rates of a year or two ago. In the larger cities, the offices for rent show a greater oversupply than do the dwellings, and the competition of great centrally located new buildings is leading to withdrawals of tenants from older and less favorably situated structures. This condition prompts the demolition of the antiquated buildings which are no longer attractive, and as money for building is abundant, the process of replacement of the old buildings by modern skyscrapers goes steadily onward.

The chief force, however, that urges forward construction of new buildings, is that almost ignored factor, the vacant lot, of which there are literally millions in the American cities, towns, and even villages. Many of these lots are highly valuable because of their location, and have been held out of use awaiting the time when growing population, and the demands of business, would make it possible to sell them

at a profit. These lots, as a general rule, yield no income, or merely a trifle as a location for "taxpayer" structures or billboards, and in most communities they have in the past been lightly assessed and taxed in comparison with fully improved property.

While taxes were moderate, the vacant-lot owner calculated that by holding his land idle the increased price he would ultimately receive would more than make up for the loss on interest and tax accounts. With the great advance in municipal taxes in all parts of the United States, the burden upon the vacant lot has been growing heavier, and the practice in many centers of population, notably in New York City, of assessing vacant lands at their real value, is forcing the owners of such lands either to build upon them or to sell them to someone who will build. The idle valuable lot, with an annual loss of interest on the money paid for it, and stiff tax charges, is a silent force at work constantly operating to stimulate building.

Recently a survey was made in New York, or that part of the city known as Manhattan, to discover what has become of the saloon of pre-prohibition days. It was shown that of the 5093 establishments that held liquor licenses in the year 1916, there are now only 349 places that show no outward change. But it is explained that those places which continue to maintain the appearance of saloons are selling so-called near-beers and beverages supposed to contain less than one-half of 1 per cent alcohol. Of course it is not claimed that this pretense is any more than a flimsy disguise. No doubt many of these remaining bars are the source of much of the poisonous synthetic liquors which find their way into the hands of addicts and private bootleggers. Gradually it is becoming more and more difficult to replenish liquor stocks from hovering rumrunning boats off shore. Heavy losses through seizure are rendering the traffic more and more precarious, with the direct result of increasing the price of all contraband alcoholic mixtures.

Where the Saloons Once Stood

But the figures quoted supply what should be a convincing answer to the assertion that the prohibition issue should have been left to the several states to determine as they saw fit. New York state and city officials have not lent sympathetic aid to the enforcement of the federal law. And yet it appears that under twenty years of as strict regulation of the liquor traffic as it was possible to enforce under state and municipal laws the number of saloons and groggeries in the city was reduced but 31 per cent, whereas under five years of indifferently enforced national prohibition the number was reduced 79 per cent. It is shown that in 1896, when the liquor traffic held full sway in New York and was recognized as a controlling influence in city politics, there was one saloon for every 202 inhabitants.

The most striking change is observable along Third Avenue, the former stronghold of the brewery-controlled saloon. In the year 1916, which is easily recalled because of the presidential campaign, there were 252 saloons, 44 liquor stores, and 17 drug stores on this street. Today there are but 41 such places, of which 23 are saloons which have not been altered in their outward appearance. The decrease in the number of saloons has been almost 84 per cent. The 211 saloons and 44 liquor stores which have been displaced have given openings to 453 stores engaged in legitimate commercial business. The assessed value of the property affected has increased \$98,759,000, or approximately 64 per cent, as compared with a 21.4 per cent increase in the assessed valuation of Manhattan real estate as a whole.

That is an incomplete picture of the change that has been wrought in a single American city by prohibition. It does not attempt to show the greater changes that have been wrought in countless homes. That is another and a still better story. The record could be duplicated, proportionately, in every community in the United States. It should provide an unanswerable argument against all the pleas for the return of the saloon as a dispenser of alcoholic drinks of any kind or description.

Returning to civilization after three years spent in exploring, under the auspices of the Danish Government, the vast sections comprising Greenland, the Canadian Arctic and Alaska, Knud Rasmussen brings with him the conviction that the peoples of the Eskimo races, wherever found, are of a common origin, possessing, in the main, a common language. Stopping at Seattle on his way to Washington, D. C., where he is to confer with officials of his own Government stationed there, he intimated that more complete details of his findings would be made public after that conference. Mr. Rasmussen vouchsafes only the information that he has positive proof of the origin of the Eskimo race, but this he positively declines to impart until later. "It is important to note, however, that he discloses the fact that the Eskimos of Siberia more closely resemble the Mongolians than the Eskimos of the Canadian Arctic and the interior of Alaska."

Public interest being aroused in the matter, further information which the explorer claims to possess will be anxiously awaited. Ethnologists have for many years claimed to be able to trace, between the peoples of some of the countries farthest north in the western hemisphere, and some of those of the northern countries of Asia, a striking physical resemblance. And this similarity of type, it has been claimed, is not exemplified alone in the Eskimo people. It will be interesting if it is attempted to make it appear that the Eskimos have been a link, as it were, which once transmitted to other and somewhat fairer peoples those physical or racial characteristics which ethnologists may

Origin of the Eskimo Tribes

decide unite them, even in a remote degree, with races of Asiatic origin. Mr. Rasmussen tells us that there are some 40,000 Eskimos in the territory which he explored, many of whom had never before seen a person of the white race. As evidence of the comparative purity of their language and its dialects, he says he was able to converse with any of those he encountered in a common tongue. All the primitive tribes, he reports, some of whom live near the magnetic pole, have traits in common with the tribes somewhat farther advanced.

The Eskimos are not strangers to Mr. Rasmussen. Even before his latest journey of exploration among them he had been engaged in a study of their language and characteristics. He himself is a native of Greenland, where his father was a minister. He was graduated from the University of Copenhagen, and soon thereafter joined the Danish Literary Greenland Expedition under Mylius Ericksen, spending the larger part of a year among the Eskimos of Cape York. "So what he has to tell will be authoritative in its character, and at the same time interesting."

Everybody at Wembley is asking the same question, "Is the Exhibition to be reopened next year?" And because of the election nobody can give an answer. It all depends upon whether the British Government will repeat its guarantee. And the trouble is that the Exhibition closed on Oct. 31, and unless the decision to continue it next year is quickly taken, the exhibitors will begin to take their products away. Hence the questioning and suspense.

There is no doubt that the Exhibition has been a success. It was really a wonderful show. There has probably never before been such a collection of world-wide exhibits or of world-wide visitors. In pavilion after pavilion were gathered the historic manufactures of the Old World and the fresh products of the New World. Canada, Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand, the youngest nations in the world, did their best to allure settlers to people their great empty spaces by displays of the fruits, the minerals, the animals with which they abound.

India, Burma, East and West Africa, Palestine, and a host of other territories set forth the woods and fibers, the rubber and tropical products, and the queer ancient fabrics which they make still mostly by hand. Great Britain rivaled them with an impressive display of the varied machinery and manufactures of modern industry. And art, history and amusement offered their attractions from every side.

The visitors, more than 17,000,000 of them, have been even more varied. The greater numbers, of course, have come from the British Isles. But if you watched you could see almost every race and color and hear nearly every civilized and many uncivilized tongues on the roads and alleyways of the exhibition. People came, too, to learn. Many prophets believed that the majority would spend their time in the Amusement Park, among the circuses and sideshows. But while Lord Balfour, who has had a long and varied experience of the world, is said to have found great satisfaction in the thrills of the great racer, the mass of the visitors appear to have gone more for the purpose of seeing the exhibits and learning something of what the outside world was like than with the idea of "joy-riding."

So the consensus of opinion is that the Exhibition should be given a second year. The weather treated it with scant courtesy, for 1924 was almost the dullest and dampest summer on record. Owing to delays and changes of mind on the part of governments, it was never properly advertised overseas and much of the outside world has only just begun to hear about it. And there is a big deficit to work off, which experts think will easily disappear in another year.

The Exhibition makes a handsome profit on its running expenses, but the capital outlay is not nearly recovered. If only 17,000,000 people have so far seen it out of a world population of 1,600,000,000, it seems reasonable to give as many more people as possible a chance of visiting it.

That there is a Main Street running clear through Arizona probably fewer Americans know than the magnitude of the project deserves. For this great highway serves as the Pacific Coast terminal route for six transcontinental highways and passes through what many have been in the habit of thinking of as desert country. Starting two miles west of Rodeo, N. M., as a continuation of the road formed by the union of the Old Spanish Trail and the Bankhead Highways at Kent in Texas, it runs through Douglas, Bisbee, Tombstone, St. David, Benson, Tucson, Florence, Phoenix, Buckeye, Gillespie Dam, Gila Bend and Yuma. From the last-named place the highway goes to El Centro, where it branches, one fork leading to Los Angeles and the other to San Diego. The route can be traveled every day in the year, summer and winter, and as to the desert, it disappeared when the Main Street through Arizona was built.

Although each year, at the dinner given by the Lord Mayor of London to the Master, Wardens, and Court of the Fruiterers' Company a gift of fruit is presented to him by his guests, and a bouquet to the Lady Mayoress, the Company today—despite its name—actually has no connection with the fruit trade. The custom, however, dates back many years, to the time, indeed, when the Company was living true to its designation, and at present and quareled with the City authorities about the old metage dues which entitled the Lord Mayor to claim, through his "meter," a sample from every load of fruit coming into the City. The quarrel was settled amicably under an arrangement whereby the Company presented a tribute of fruit and flowers in lieu of the other dues. And this pleasing custom has endured until today.

Editorial Notes

The international exhibition of books and bookmaking which was held in Florence two years ago will be repeated early next year. Authors, publishers, editors, typographers, lithographers and photographers may take part in the exhibition, which will consist this time principally of bookmaking in all its forms. A special section will be devoted to Italian journalism, reproducing its technical and professional progress during recent years as well as many documents marking the origin of journalism in Italy. As all exhibits will be for sale, every care will be taken to make the show as attractive as possible from an aesthetic point of view.

The town of Messina has not yet figured among the Italian cities famous for archaeological research. The accidental discovery of two amphitheatres during the work undertaken by the local authorities to check the yearly inundations of the torrent of San Cosimo has, however, led to excavations on a large scale which have revealed traces of the ancient Greek metropolis which is known to have existed there in the fourth century B. C.

Signor Eldoro Flamma, the Italian engineer, whose name has already appeared in these columns in connection with his recent invention of an apparatus for the control of ships and airplanes by means of radio, has now made further disclosures that are truly astounding concerning other ways in which the system devised by him might be applied. He claims that he can direct airplanes and ships of any dimension to any part of the world by radio means of this apparatus. He can guide across Channel boats containing mails and goods without crews and persons on board and independently of storms. It follows that with the perfecting of this apparatus in years to come, there will be hundreds of airplanes in the air and ships sailing on the oceans without other guidance than radio control.

A Story of the Patriarch of the East

Imagine the surprise of Aseurbanipal, looking down the long sweep of history, to behold Henry Ford linking the three great capitals of the Assyrian Empire! Over-night, the train from Bagdad brought us north to the railway at Assur, the first capital. The highway of 4000 years goes up from here to Nineveh, the last capital. The chariots of the ancient Assyrians rolled over it. Since the Middle Ages it has been part of the camel caravan route from Aleppo to Bagdad and back into Asia.

This 75-mile stretch was until lately one of the most perilous of roads. Lying upon the frontier of the warring Arab and Kurdish races, roving robbers, tribesmen and braves of terrible fame beset it. But the Fordy that chug-chug constantly up and down between Kalat Sherkat and Mosul (as the Arabs call the old capitals) have done almost as much as the British occupancy to make it safe. Instead of approaching Mosul by a long and arduous ascent, we surveyed it from five-dollar seats in a motorcar.

Like an unearthly citadel, it shone in the sunset, walls and towers of gold; pile upon gleaming pile of rose, domes and minarets lifting above the lofty house-tops. A bridge across the Tigris connects it with the ruins of Nineveh. One may motor over the bridge and out to Nimrud, third of Assyria's royal cities, returning the same day.

It was in Mosul that the United States received the most profoundly touching tribute paid to it in my experience throughout the world. The tribute came as an incident in a splendid drama, the last scene of which is being enacted in Mosul. But this happened later.

Now we go down Nineveh Street, the thoroughfare newly hewn, and into Mosul's labyrinth. Lush marbles trim many of the houses, which are of dun-colored stone; we peer here and there into courts paved with marble and beyond into lawns paneled with carved slabs of alabaster, recalling the sculptured halls of Sennacherib and Aseurbanipal. It starts one at the sight of a man in a warrior's dress, clad in those ancient Assyrian tunics, a life-size statue of a warrior, under drooping hats turned up on one side and stuck with a bright plume. These are the Levies, the troops that hold the wild and turbulent border. They are recruited by the British from the old Assyrian stock, which is Christian.

In the cool of the evening we repair, with the population of Mosul, to the house-tops. Above the mountain-walled horizon beyond which lies Kurdistan, the shadowy mounds of the temples and palaces of the Ninevite Kings, the mosques of forgotten sultans, rises the brilliant new crescent of the moon of Baghdad. Gardens of lilies encircle the balconies high up on all the minarets. Throughout this holy season of Islam, culminating in the "Blessed Night" of the twenty-seventh, when the Koran is supposed to have come down from heaven, no devout Moslem eats or drinks during the day.

From the moment of nightfall when a gun booms over the city to proclaim the fast broken, feasting and visiting go on until the dawn gun again ushers the fast. Now a hush falls, as from the minarets the muezzin calls to prayer. "LA ILAHA ILA-LAH! (There is no God but Allah!)" reverberates thrillingly. As it dies away one hears from below the "Honk! honk!" of the Little Fords that run about the city in a kind of bus service.

In the moment before the din of the Muhammadan festival closes in, there come faintly the strains of an organ—"In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time!" Down there an American woman plays for a little congregation of Assyrian Christians, listening, there rose before my inward eye the opening scene of the last act of the great drama in which the tribute to America was given.

I saw the vast American camp at Baquba, where had been gathered many thousand refugees driven before the Turk's sword, on a day four years ago. And there they lifted up a little Assyrian child and crowned him Lord Simeon, Patriarch of the East. The office, whose holder always bears the title Mar Shimun (Lord Simeon), is hereditary. It was this child's right of heritage derived from uncle to nephew through the centuries.

The story of the Little Patriarch's people is an epic. For 1000 years these so-called Nestorians carried the Cross above Asia, into Arabia, India, even Tartary and China. Persian Kings and Arabian caliphs sometimes persecuted them, but always acknowledged the rank of the head of the Nestorian hierarchy, who resided at Bagdad, as spiritual potentate of the Christians in the entire Orient. By the thirteenth century the Patriarch of the East had become a rival of the Pope. Then the Mongol hordes under the grandson of Genghis Khan, Hulegu, and after them Tamerlane and his terrible Tartar hosts, rolled over Mesopotamia in tides of blood.

A despairing remnant of the Assyrian Christians escaped to the mountain fastnesses of Kurdistan. There, almost totally isolated from the rest of Christendom, through 500 years they have upheld the Cross against the bitter hostility of the Crescent. For nearly 100 years Americans have worked with them, helping to keep the faith. In remote mountain villages the names of such as "Ed" McDowell unlock the hearts of these rugged descendants of the race of Nimrod.

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the call to prayer. "LA ILAHA ILA-LAH! (There is no God but Allah!)" reverberates thrillingly. As it dies away one hears from below the "Honk! honk!" of the Little Fords that run about the city in a kind of bus service.

In the moment before the din of the Muhammadan festival closes in, there come faintly the strains of an organ—"In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time!" Down there an American woman plays for a little congregation of Assyrian Christians, listening, there rose before my inward eye the opening scene of the last act of the great drama in which the tribute to America was given.

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The Progress of the Lone Star State

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What a bright lesson in the actual qualities of the state of Texas!

In the year 1849 I traveled across Texas from El Paso to Texarkana, 1000 miles in a straight line, and I then saw and felt that Texas was an empire in itself. And now, thirty-eight years having passed, I see in the Monitor such evidence of her progress that my heart is full to overflowing with joy for her and her brave people.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. E. D. D.